

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
STEARNS JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018
4:30 PM**

Richard Angotti, Jr.	Present
Jeffrey Gordon	Present
Kevin Gregory	Present
Michael Jewers	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Francis Boynton, Superintendent	Present
Makayla Pepper, Student Representative	Present

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Michael B. Jewers, Chairperson.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

None

III. Public Comment

Warren Steward discussed ID tags for the Board.

Richard Angotti relayed that Bailey Girsra was recognized on WLBZ for the Varsity Club.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings October 23, November 6, and November 20, 2018, barring any errors or omissions.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti **Seconded by:** Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

V. Payroll Warrant

Motion: It was moved to direct the Superintendent of Schools to authorize payment by the Town Treasurer to each party listed herein, the sum set against each name contained in School Payroll Warrant #19-12 in the amount of \$165,073.71 on December 6, 2018.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VI. Payable Warrant

Motion: It was moved to direct the Superintendent of Schools to authorize payment by the Town Treasurer to each party listed herein, the sum set against each name contained in School Payable Warrant #19-17 in the amount of \$119,404.94 on December 6, 2018.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Warren Steward

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. Department Reports

Makayla Pepper, Student Representative

-On Oct 31st we had challenge day and we got a lot of positive feedback from the students.

-November 9th we had a Veteran's Day Celebration. We made a breakfast for the veterans and this year we had the highest attendance of veterans we've ever had.

-November 15, 17 & 18 The Millinocket Performing Arts performed a play, *Mary Poppins*.

-The Senior Class is having a Little Caesar pizza kit fundraiser.

-The sophomore class had a chili supper on Nov 29th, raising \$300.

-The Peer counselors are having a bake sale on Friday, December 7 and Saturday the 8th right outside of the high school gym for the Marathon.

-The 6th graders went on a Portland field trip Gulf of Maine Research Institute and they all really enjoyed it!

Board Discussion:

Richard Angotti commented how much he and other veterans appreciate the yearly recognition and look forward to the program.

Sharon Darling, Food Service Manager

Report of time:

Completed 11/19-30/18: 6 days/190 for a total of 76.39/190

Completed 11/5-16/18: 7.83 days/190 for a total of 70.39/190

Completed 10/22-11/2/18: 10 days/190 for a total of 62.56/190

The Finger ID is working again, at both schools! We are still waiting for the new computer to be ready for Granite.

I ordered the new dishwasher for Stearns and am waiting for an installation date from Hobart. The 3 new proofers (1 at Granite and 2 at Stearns) have been delivered and are working great!

I am sorry to report that Janine Dumas (Food Service Assistant at Granite) has decided to go back to her former employment at the Millinocket Regional Hospital after 12/21/18. We have posted this position.

Board Discussion:

None

Bret Van Dine, Technology Coordinator

Report of time:

Days worked July 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018: 98/220

Hours worked July 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018: 1121/1760

Items completed July 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018: 1332

During the months of late September, October & November, some of the more notable projects that I completed are as follows:

Completed preparation work at Stearns Jr. / Sr. High School related to a project that will bring Optical Fiber Data Lines from Stearns to Granite Street School.

Installed and configured three new Dukane Short-Throw Projectors that replaced SmartBoard projectors that were no longer functional. This included dismantling the overhead assemblies and cabling for the old projectors and removing and reconfiguring the manager/controller on the back side of the SmartBoard.

Installed and configured new Power Conditioning equipment at Stearns Jr. / Sr. High School after one of the old Uninterruptable Power Supply units failed.

Installed and configured a new Firewall system for Granite Street School. This project also included reconfiguring network switches that had been compromised by the failure of the old Firewall.

Repaired and restored the VMware that had been corrupted and made the Central Office Server unusable.

Completed improvements to our OpenDNS system.

Completed improvements to the Student Information System, better known as PowerSchool.

Reinstalled and reconfigured the FM Audit software that manages the school's copier and printers.

Developing improvements to our cyber-security systems in order to effectively combat cyber attacks.

Developing improvements in how we utilize software in classrooms in order to ensure more security as pertains to student data privacy.

Processed 1,332 work items, including things as minor as password resets and as major as catastrophic system failures.

Board Discussion:

None

Louis DiFrederico, Facilities Director

No Report

Joshua McNaughton, PreK-5 Assistant Principal

Days Worked: 79

Enrollment: 219

Focus: Our most recent Focus meeting was held on November 28th. This meeting also marked the first official meeting of our Leadership Team. Goals for our SY 18-19 work were discussed and determined.

Goals: Explore professional development opportunities in the following areas; trauma informed instruction, instructional approaches for students with autism, classroom sensory integration and teacher classroom observations for ReadyGen.

Technology: Granite Street will be purchasing two interactive projectors to pilot in 2019. This pilot will determine the feasibility of interactive projectors as replacements for our aging SMART Board systems. An initial cost analysis indicated a savings of greater than \$1000 per system.

PBIS: Our first PBIS assembly was held on Monday, December 3rd. Students were recognized for positive behavior in the school and on the school bus. Students were also recognized for outstanding personal improvements. Thank you to our bus drivers and aids who have made our bus tickets become a reality. Keep up the good work!

Curriculum: Our teachers continue their implementation of the ReadyGen curriculum. Professional learning community (PLC) time is being utilized weekly for teachers to discuss implementation strategies, review materials associated with the curriculum and to access online ReadyGen supports.

Book Fair: Thank you all the parents, students and community members who purchased books and related items from our fair. With your support we made \$2,240.95!

Family Health Night: This year 95 families attended our Family Health Night. They learned about physical activities, recreation opportunities in our community and healthy eating. Thank you to Rose Raymond for coordinating this event.

B3 Project Grant: A video conference was held on Monday, November 26th. In attendance were Danielle McNally, Kristi Fiske, Amy Anderson, Michele Hatch and Josh McNaughton. The purpose and outcome of this video conference was to establish three initiatives that would help connect children from birth through age 3 to the school and community resources.

Initiative #1: Explore the option of hiring, if grant funding is available, a liaison to work with children ages 1 through 4, and their families, to connect them to resources. Examples may include social worker services, medical services and Child Development Services. This liaison would also host play and learn groups, introducing young students to the school and staff.

Initiative #2: To improve student transition from pre-kindergarten to kindergarten. Teachers will explore and conduct crosswalk activities between the OWL and ReadyGen curriculums and expand transition activities for students moving from pre-kindergarten to kindergarten.

Initiative #3: Continue the ReadyGen implementation.

These initiatives will be presented this spring during our final Pre-K grant meeting. The funding for the B3 Project is yet to be secured by the Maine DOE. More to come!

Mary Poppins: Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Waite for giving 25 Granite Street students the opportunity to participate in the play. It was a great success.

WinterKids Winter Games: Granite Street School has been selected to represent Penobscot County in the 2019 WinterKids Winter Games! Two schools from each county will participate in four weeks of physical activity and nutrition challenges from January 7 through February 1, 2019. The top 3 schools will win cash prizes: Gold Medal \$5000; Bronze Medal \$3000; Silver Medal \$1500. Check out WinterKids <https://winterkids.org/teachers-schools/winterkids-winter-games/> for more information.

Board Discussion:

The Superintendent relayed that money was budgeted for the projectors.

The Superintendent relayed that he just received notice the PreK grant has been extended to 12-31-19.

Kevin Gregory commented that the new auditorium seats are smaller than the old ones. With one section left to replace, they should consider some larger seat options.

Michael Jewers relayed that the Knights of Columbus donated 48 winter coats this year, with a large portion distributed to Granite Street School students.

Beth Peavey, 6-12 Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

Fiscal Year 2018/2019 work days to date: 93/220

Bailey Girsra, a Senior, was nominated for and inducted into the Varsity Club on News Center Maine. She was nominated by Sue Buzzell in Guidance. Bailey deserved to be recognized for academic and sports achievements. The segment on Bailey states in part: "She finished her required classes early so that she had time to take advanced courses. Last year she completed two college classes and will be taking four more college classes this year. Her GPA of 95.87 has Bailey ranked 8th in her class. She's in the National Honor Society as well as the National Technical Honor Society...Bailey has already been accepted to three colleges and plans to go into nursing, in fact, she already has her CNA certification." Congratulations to Bailey.

Basketball tryouts have taken place and we currently have 12 students on Boys Varsity and Girls Varsity. We also have 13 high school cheerleaders. Practices have started in both high school and middle school with the first home games falling on December 10th for the girls and December 29th for the boys.

I attended the MPA Principal's Conference in South Portland two weeks ago. Unfortunately, I only attended for one day, Thursday, and left that evening due to the state-wide storm that occurred all day on Friday. The keynote speaker was Dr. Russ Quiglia. His presentation was about student voice. Some parts of presentation included statistics such as: When students have a voice they are 3X more likely to experience Self-Worth in school. Student Voice Implications....When students have a voice they are 5X more likely to experience Engagement in school. I plan to share his slideshow with staff during one of our staff meetings or during professional development on an Early Release day.

Josh McNaughton and I have been working to access the state scores from testing.

Board Discussion:

There was discussion regarding 8 player football. Ms. Peavey will bring back information to the Board as it becomes available from the MPA.

Richard Angotti stated he would like the Board to formally acknowledge Bailey Girsra for her accomplishment.

The JV numbers are close to the varsity numbers – a lot of interest in basketball this year.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

Report of time:

Completed through June 30, 2015, 260/210

Completed Work days July 1, 2015 to June 30, 261/210

Work days July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 293/210

Work Days July 1, 2017 to present: 263/220

Work Days July 1, 2018 to present 112/220

Vacation days remaining: 30/30

The new mini-bus is here and will shortly go into service. We are making some minor changes to the seating as recommended and preparing it for use.

I have joined with the area superintendents to organize the FEDES grant. The application is signed and delivered. We should hear shortly if we are approved.

We have completed the Gifted and Talented application that was waived until November 30, due to the arrival of the teacher after the start of the school year. We submitted the appropriate adjustments to the proposal on the 28th and await the State result.

I have prepared several documents for the grant writers that we have engaged. The process is going as predicted, but we are reaching a point when we should begin to expect some basic results. I will continue to pursue this and update the Board as we progress.

I have not heard back from my proposals with the principal from East Millinocket, but will be working the participation agreement shortly.

The Veteran's Day assembly was very well received thanks to Ms. Given and the hard work she puts into this event each year.

I am watching the budget very closely as we progress. As you are aware, we have had some unanticipated expenses, but at the same time we have had some cost savings. Our major concern at this point is the elevator that transports to the second floor. I was present when the control boards were removed. One was compromised several years ago, with no explanation, and the second had a significant burn in the board. The repair of these boards is significantly expensive and there is no guarantee that this will be the solution.

Board Discussion:

A request was made for quarterly financial reports.

The Board would like to have the international students to come to a Board Meeting to discuss their experiences at Stearns and in Millinocket.

The elevator issues were discussed. They are not working and some students have been moved from upstairs to a downstairs room.

The budget process will start in January and there should be a draft budget ready in February or March after we receive the ED279 funding numbers.

IX. To see if the Board will enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(B) Student Discipline

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(B) Student Discipline including Beth Peavey

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 5:17 PM **Time Out:** 5:25 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: To continue the suspension of Student A for an additional 60 days.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

X. To see if the Board will enter into Executive Session 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) evaluation of the superintendent

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) evaluation of the superintendent

Motioned by: Warren Steward

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 5:26 PM **Time Out:** 6:14 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: To accept the Superintendent, Principal and Special Education Administrative contracts as written.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Motion by: Jeffrey Gordon **Seconded by:** Kevin Gregory

Voted: 5 – Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, December 18, 2018, Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – No meeting will be held. Warrants will be signed in Central Office on December 31, 2018.

Tuesday, January 15, 2019, Regular Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Tuesday, January 29, 2019, Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools